SI. No	Name of the staff (S/Shri)	Designation	SI. No.	Name of the staff (S/Shri)	Designation
18	U.S. Shrivastava	Postal Assistant	35	Motilal Singh	GDS BPM
19	R.D. Rohni	Postal Assistant	36	C.B. Sharma	GDS BPM
20	B.P. Gupta	Postal Assistant	37	Tilakdhari Singh	GDS BPM
21	C.R.I. Ahirwar	Postal Assistant	38	Ranglal	GDS BPM
22	Jahar Singh	Postal Assistant	39	OS. Singh	GDS BPM
23	Babulal Singh	Postal Assistant	40	I.P. Soni	GDS BPM
24	J.N. Dubey	Postal Assistant	41	Vishwanth Singh	GDS BPM
25	Jahar Singh	Postal Assistant	42	Denesh Kumar Awaia	GDS BPM
26	B.S. Nimana	Postal Assistant	43	Mahesh Bhargav	GDS BPM
27	M.K. Bramhawanshi	Postal Asistant	44	Fateh Singh	GDS BPM
28	B.B. Singh	Mail Overseer	45	Omprakash Bhawar	GDS BPM
29	C.L. Autar	Mail Overseer	46	Antrasingh Rajput	GDS BPM
30	B.L.P. Tiwari	Mail Overseer	47	Mahesh Chandra	GDS BPM
31	C.L. Autar	Mail Overseer	48	Balwantrao Xante	GDS BPM
32	B.B. Singh	Mail Overseer	49	Durga Prasad Udainiva	GDS
33	N.P. Mehar	Group 'D'	50	Rashik Kumar Divedi	GDS
34	Balram Singh	GDS BPM	51	Madan Singh	GDS

*GDS BPM—Gramin Dak Sewak Branch Postmaster
*GDS—Gramin Dak Sewak

Telephone connections in villages

†1724. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken it seriously to provide telephone connections in the villages following a declaration to that effect by the private basic telephone provider companies; and

(b) if so, the details of basic telephone provider companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) The six private basic service operators who were granted licenses in the year 1997-98, were to provide a fix number of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in their respective service area. The details of Village Public Telephone to be provided by these six Basic Private Service Operators are given in Statement-I (See below). Due to delay in commencement of service and non-provisioning of Direct Exchange Lines and Village Public Telephone Liquidated Damage amounting to Rs.53.75 crores were recovered from these Private Basic Service Operators. The details are given in Statement-II (See below).

Consequent to announcement of Unified Access Service Licence regime, the six private basic telephone service operators have migrated to Unified Access Service Licence regime in November, 2003 after paying applicable difference of entry fee and thereby the roll out obligations have changed to coverage of District Headquarters instead of provisioning of fixed number of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) and VPTs.

Statement-I

VPT STATUS

VPTs	☰	Tata Tele-Services (A.P.)	Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.	Reliance Telecom Gujarat	Shyam Telelink Rajasthan	HFa Infbtel Punjab	Total
Month of Commencement of Service	June, 1998	March, 1999	October, 1998	May, 2000	June, 2000	September, 2000	
No.of VPTs Committed in first 3 years from effective date*	16500	9635	25760	8635	31834	5442***	97806
No.of VPTs provided as on 31.10.2003	611	1408	2643	4114	3010	879	12665**

* These commitments were to be met by 30.9.1998 in case of A.P., Gujarat, Punjab and by 30.9.99 in case of Maharashtra. For MP and Rajasthan the same were to be completed by 30.9.2000 and 4.3.2001 respectively.
** Figures are as reported by the licensees.
*** As all villages have been covered in Punjab by BSNL, the faulty MARRs are replaced by the private licensees.

Statement-ll

Details of LD charges from Private Basis Senvice Operators

Name of the Operators	Service Area	Month of Commence-ment of Service	Total LD Charged for non-commis-sioning of service & delay in Provision of VPTs and DELs (Rs. in crores)	LD for delay in pro-vision of VPT and DEL (Rs. in crores)	LD for non-commission-in (Rs. in crores) of service
Bharti	Madhya Pradesh	June, 1998	4.00	4.00	Nil
TataTeleservices	Andhra Pradesh	March, 1999	13.00	6.50	6.50
Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.	Maharashtra	October, 1998	7.75	6.50	1.25
Reliance	Gujarat	May, 2000	13.00	6.50	6.50
Shyam Telelink	Rajasthan	June, 2000	8.00	4.00	4.00
HFCL Infotel	Punjab	September, 2000	8.00	4.00	4.00.
		TOTAL	53.75	31.50	22.25

Connection of villages through Common Service Centres

1725. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one lakh villages would be connected through the Common Service Centre (CSC) by 2007 as recommended by Eighth National Conference on E-governance;

(b) if so, the number of villages identified in Assam and the other North Eastern States to be connected through the Common Service Centre; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement effective usage of IT and E-governance?